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# BEACON LIGHT

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SAINT CLOUD HOSPITAL

Christmas, 1960

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## Our Hospital Christmas



## Brings You Blessings



# *We Prepared for Christ's Coming...*



PRAYING THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA



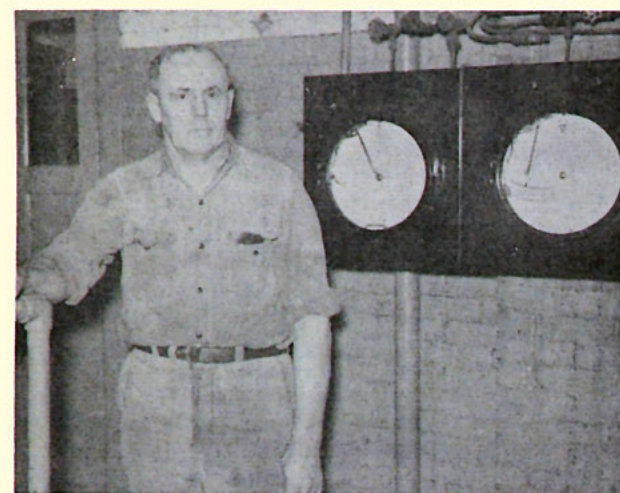
PROVIDING FOR THE POOR



AND  
DECORATING



# *as Shepherds of Old...*



THE CHRISTMAS EVE STAFF KEPT WATCH THROUGH THE NIGHT



# and Jesus Came Into Our Midst...

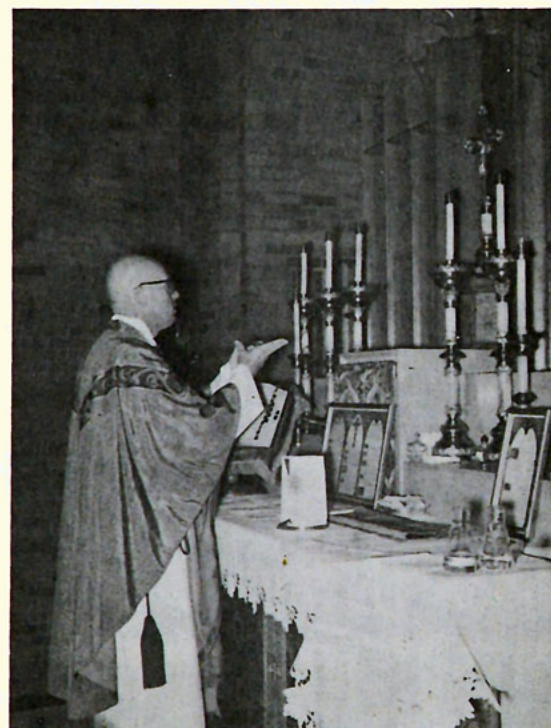
— IN SYMBOL, THE HISTORICAL EVENT



— IN REALITY, THE MASS

12:00 Midnight High Mass  
6:00 High Mass

Other Masses  
7:30  
8:00  
8:45  
9:30



# Epiphany Parties EMPLOYEE PARTY Planned

Thursday, January 5

Nurses' Home --- 7:45 p. m.

Program by: ?

Is it a New York Dramatic Group?  
No---better than that!  
Is it a Hollywood Touring Group?  
No---better than that!  
Is it the Russian Ballet?  
No---better than that!

What is it?

It's --- well, come and see!

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

All Student Party	January 6
Freshman Dinner	January 11
Junior Dinner	January 12
Tri-School Dinner	January 17
Senior Dinner	January 19



## SUCCESSFULLY PASSED....

Congratulations to the Graduates from two of our schools who passed their qualifying exams in X-Ray Technology and Nursing. Everyone who wrote, passed!!!!

# A Little Child



Many of our Hospital acquaintances and co-workers will have a very graphic reminder of the mystery of Christmas--God became a LITTLE CHILD! Congratulations to all who have recently welcomed another member into their families:

Mrs. John Ficenec (Kathleen Siegmund)  
Mrs. James Ligeros (Elaine Alvord)  
Mrs. Robert Schoenberg (Mary Lou Dillon)  
Mrs. Virgil Hartfiel (Myrtle Christle)  
Mrs. Gerald Billig (Mary Latterell)

Mrs. James Neis (Mary Jackson)  
Mrs. Ralph Sjogren (Marie Seifert)  
Mrs. Richard Schaefer (Rita Neeb)  
Mrs. James Miles (Janet Cole)  
Mrs. Leo Pundsack (Beatrice Kalla)

Mrs. Arnold Bauer (JoAnn Lucken)  
Mrs. Werner Sand (Eileen Roering)  
Mrs. Earl Laudenschach (Rosemarie Jackels)  
Mrs. John Maus (Barbara Reh)  
Mrs. LeRoy Heim (Kathleen Knappek)

Mrs. John Lanz (Clarice Blonigen)  
Mrs. Jeff Hennes (Mary Jo McGerty)  
Mrs. Donald Luke (Joyce Roeder)  
Mrs. John Gebhardt (Shirley Petron)

Mr. & Mrs. M. Lommel

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Claflin



# FAMOUS PSYCHIATRIST VISITS



Dr. Bartemeier, Medical Director of Seton Psychiatric Institute, Baltimore, Maryland, was the main speaker at the Institute in "The Care of the Chronically Ill Aged Patient", held at the Veterans Administration Hospital. While in St. Cloud, he was the guest of Father Riley and spoke informally to the sisters and students.

A wealth of ideas about life, patient care, and the mentally ill, flowed from him in his casual manner and really captivated his audience.

One would never have guessed from his humble, yet dignified manner, that he is widely known in the field of psychiatry.

## Two Hospital Schools Confer Caps

On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, capping exercises for the students of X-Ray and Medical Technology were held in the Hospital Chapel at 7:30 in the evening. They began their day by offering Holy Mass together.

### X-Ray Students:

Mary Brenny  
Marcia Goude  
Jacquelyn Lock  
Theresa Jaroch  
Rose Mary Adams  
Darlene Marquardt  
David Knuesel

### Medical Technology:

Judith Wilkus  
Barbara Jean Mass  
Carolyn Moosbrugger



The caps were blessed and presented by Father Riley. The sermon was delivered by Father Ralph Schmelzer.

A reception for relatives and friends of the students was held in the Nurses' Home Lounge after the capping ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SEMINAR FOR NURSES on Cardiac Conditions will be conducted weekly beginning January 23 through February 27, 1961. The speakers and the place of meeting have not been determined as yet. For further information, consult Mrs. Lena Hagen at the St. Cloud Hospital. Your next month's Beacon Light will give further details.



An intradepartmental wedding was big news in the X-Ray Department in November. Linda Anderson, secretary, and Mervwyn Mock, a senior student, were married on Thanksgiving Day. The morning wedding at St. Columbkille Church at St. Wendel, Minnesota, the reception and the wedding dance were attended by almost all of the x-ray personnel.

Other recent weddings are:

Mary Jo Klaers, Staff Nurse on 4 South, to Dennis Gohl. Mary Jo's new status gives her added responsibility, but she still finds time to pursue her chosen profession in Pediatrics.

Gwendolyn Gilk, 3 South Ward Clerk, became the bride of Kenneth Gratke.

CONGRATULATIONS and

GOD'S BLESSINGS

IN MEMORIAM

FOR THY FAITHFUL, O LORD, LIFE IS CHANGED . . . .

On November 20, 1960, after participating in the closing of Forty Hours, surrounded by her Sisters, Sister Mariola answered God's gentle summons to come to Him. Her life's work was done! Sister nobly fooled us for a long while. Her cheerfulness, her love of fun, her generosity and her genuine interest in people masked her own sufferings, and led us to forget that she was not well. There was no party, no picnic, no occasion in which she did not participate and give her generous help.

We will miss her, but we congratulate her on having successfully completed the work assigned. We know that we still have a good helper in her even if we cannot enjoy her presence.

On December 4th, Kathy Hageman, well known and well loved Operating Room Aide died in the Paynesville Hospital. A fitting tribute is given to her on the following page.

On December 15, Peter R. Theisen, St. Joseph, Minnesota, died after a prolonged illness. He is the father of Mrs. Esther Merkling, Personnel Clerk, and Ben Theisen, Elevator Operator, and the father-in-law of Mrs. Ben Theisen who works in the Dietary Department. He is also the uncle of Harry Kenvel, Purchasing Agent. Our sincere sympathy to all.

We extend our sympathy also to Mrs. Barbara Keigan, 4 South Staff Nurse, on the recent death of her mother; and to Carl Dinndorf, Painter, on the recent death of his sister.

Please remember the deceased and their families and relatives in your prayers.



## A TRIBUTE TO ONE . . . . AND MANY



On the afternoon of Saturday, November 26, 1960, a young girl presented her supervisor with a bouquet of mums -- it was the supervisor's name day and the girl wanted to "do something to help her celebrate." It was a quiet little ceremony. Everyone had gone off duty for the week-end except one of the nurses who was busy in another room in the department. So together the two fixed the flowers, and the young girl went off duty, her work completed and an extra kindness done. Little did either of these two people realize that this would be the last time they would see each other alive. The girl was Kathleen Hageman, an Aide in the Operating Room at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Those of us who knew Kathleen, and many more who did not, have become familiar with the story of what occurred after she went off duty that day. We know that she attempted to come to work the following Mon-

day in spite of the storm that was blustering its way through Minnesota, and we know that she had spent the night before in the hospital of a neighboring town at the bedside of her dying father. We know that somehow she was involved in an accident that Monday which would cost her life. Many details of the story, known only to Kathleen, will never be told, but these are not the important things.

What is important is the person that Kathleen Hageman was while she was a part of our hospital family. Many who know her have their own favorite story about something she did or said. They were all very ordinary things -- this is the mysterious beauty that makes us not want to forget people like Kathleen. She "did the ordinary things extraordinarily well."

There is another chapter to the story of Kathleen that perhaps few are as aware of as are the people in the Operating Room. Because they worked with her and knew her so well, sympathy and sorrow was a natural response. The edifying and encouraging occurrence was that this same attitude was shown by the personnel throughout the hospital. Wherever they went, O.R. personnel could expect to be asked, "How is Kathy? What have you heard? We are so sorry." Traffic through the chapel doors increased, and it wasn't hard to guess who was being prayed for. In some corner, thoughtful heads got together and a fund came into being "to help Kathleen." These, too, seem like ordinary things, but to many of us looking on, they were a great comfort. Such kindness and concern was, in effect, a way of demonstrating the common bond felt as a uniting force among the employees.

We may well pay tribute to Kathleen Hageman as an employee who gave her best to the people associated with her. This same tribute must be extended to all of our employees who showed their loyalty, interest and support when "one of their own" was in need. Though saddened by our loss, how great has been our gain!



## THE PINK SLIP

In our last "Pink Slip" we told you about the volunteers in administration. In this issue, we introduce you to two of our outside Auxiliary activities---the PUPPET PROJECT and the FAVORS PROJECT.



The making of puppets is a National Women's Hospital Auxiliary project. The puppets are made by a group of auxiliary members and presented to each child upon admission to the Pediatric Department. Many a tear has been dried in anticipation of playing with "Pedi-the-Puppet". "Pedi" can never be sold. All he asks is that he be given to some little girl or boy who will love him and give him a home.

The little girl pictured here is undecided about "Pedi-the-Puppet" which is being given to her by Mrs. Frank Grant. Perhaps the presence of Mrs. Leonard Stotko, Mrs. Harry Megarry and Sister Jameen makes her shy.

Our own Auxiliary has organized a group of women who have volunteered their leisure time to make these puppets in their own homes. The enthusiasm of our two co-chairmen, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Megarry, has made it possible to put our puppet program into effect on the Eve of Christmas, December 24, 1960. Because of the many wonderful women who work on the Puppet Committee, we will be able to furnish about 1200 puppets for all the children who will be admitted to Peds this coming year.

Members of the Puppet Committee who stopped working long enough to take a picture are:

Front Row: Mrs. Harry Megarry  
Mrs. Walter Martini  
Mrs. Frank Grant

Back Row: Mrs. Josephine Thienes  
Mrs. E. W. Edson  
Mrs. Calvin Holmes  
Miss Clara Braun  
Miss Dolores Ahles  
Mrs. Ruth Knevel  
Mrs. Al Thienes





## FAVORS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Osva Hansen,

Mrs. Wendell Thiessen,

Mrs. E. W. Edson,

Miss Dolores Ahles

and

Mrs. Walter Martini



of the Favors Committee are busy making favors to brighten Christmas Trays for the patients. This committee meets at the homes of members to design and make tray decorations for holidays. Guided by the chairman, Miss Ahles, this group has made about 275 gay, attractive favors for each holiday of the past year. We of the Auxiliary who work in the hospital know that we can depend on this clever group to add a bit of something special to meals on these important days and we look forward eagerly to each contribution.



We Sisters and Auxiliary



wish you all the  
Blessings of the  
Christ Child \* \*  
during this \* \*  
Holy Season \*